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10 November 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

THROUGH : Chief, Security Research Staff

SUBJECT : Technology Transfer of ERDT to LEAA

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1. This date [redacted]  
[redacted] and the undersigned presented a demonstration of the Explosive Residue Detection Technique (ERDT) to staff members of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), U.S. Department of Justice. [redacted] whom you know, was present for the demonstration.

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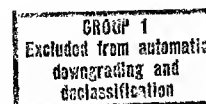
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[redacted] provided detailed briefing and demonstration of the technique.

3. Following the formal session, the three Agency representatives conducted two additional hours of discussions on the technique and its technology transfer possibilities with Mr. Lester Shubin and Mr. Marc Nerenstone, both witting of the Agency's role in the development of the technique. As they did in Trace Metal Detection Technique, it appears that LEAA will farm out the technique for evaluation and chemical refinement, if possible. (This, of course, will be in the form of a grant to some deserving organization.)

4. The demonstration, as usual, was successful. The dynamite test was not particularly dramatic, however, in that the dynamite testers, prepared by the contractor especially for this demonstration and picked up by TSD at National Airport just this morning, were improperly made and were contaminated.

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The test involves white crystals turning violet; the test units received and used today contained light blue crystals which turned violet and therefore reflected little color change to the untrained eye.



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